

April 16, 1981

Memo to File:

RE: Luki Milling's Placer Mine
ACT/019/001
Grand County, Utah

On April 9, 1981, Joe Helfrich, Jim Smith, Gilbert Hunt and Tom Tetting of the Division staff visited Luki Milling's placer operation near the Colorado River in Grand County, Utah. Mr. C. J. Hart and two other workers were present at the site. Mr. Hart said they were operating under a DOE as advised by Wayne Hedberg of the Division staff. Apparently there was some misinterpretation by Mr. Hart as to what Mr. Hedberg had suggested. The development work they had done on-site included clearing the vegetation from approximately two to three acres, building a small sediment pond and a pit for storage of fines. There is a small pond on-site which collects ground water which is then used for nearby irrigation and in Luki Milling's operation. Mr. Hart stated that the current water supply to this pond may not be adequate after his mill is operating. In this case, he stated water will have to be pumped directly from the river into the pond. They were also assembling their gold extraction equipment. Mr. Hart was informed that he is to appear before the Board in the April meeting because of adverse public comment.

The Division awaits additional information and adequate surety from Luki Milling before final approval is granted for their mining and reclamation plan.

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